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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1636

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Examiner: Schlapkohl, Walter

APPLICATION NO: 10/524,399

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FOR: DIAGNOSIS OF CHRONIC REJECTION

**MS: Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action of May 17, 2007. In the Action, the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement between:

Claim Group I, claim(s) 1-3, 6 and 8-11, drawn to a method of early diagnosis/monitoring of chronic rejection (CR) comprising comparing a baseline level of a gene's expression to the same gene's expression level in an allograft tissue biopsy of the same tissue type within the first year post-transplantation.

Claim Group II, claim(s) 4, drawn to a method comprising the step of administering a compound that modulates expression of one or more genes.

Claim Group III, claim(s) 5 and 8, drawn to a method of identifying agents for use in prevention, inhibition, reduction or treatment of CR comprising the use of one or one combination of genes selected from those listed in claim 7.

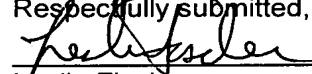
Accordingly, Applicants elect the subject matter of Claim Group I for further prosecution in this application.

An early favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,



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